

Quiet Corner to receive federal grants for preservation

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POMFRET — U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, announced federal funding for several "quality of life" projects for Windham County.

The projects include \$1.1 million for the Stone House Brook Forest Legacy project, \$44,700 for the Mansfield Hollow Lake project; \$506,000 for the West Thompson Lake project and \$850,000 for the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor.

"These projects all focus on the preservation of the Quiet Corner's way of life," Simmons said. "They are important endeavors that protect the things that the residents in the region love about their communities. I am very happy to be part of the team that will help safeguard eastern Con-

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necticut's environmental treasures." Simmons made the announcement at the Connecticut Audubon Center in Pomfret Center. Accompanying him were representatives from the state Department of Environmental Protection and Charlene Perkins Cutler, Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor representative.

Officials from Mansfield and Thompson, along with owners of the

property in the Stone House project, also attended.

Simmons said the Stone House project will work to ensure seven key properties in the county's timber district are protected from being divided into smaller lots and developed. Simmons said owners would retain the property, but agree to preserve it for recreational uses along with limited timber harvesting.

Neal Bungard, a legacy special-



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ist with the USDA Forest Service, said the seven property owners eventually would sign permanent amendments to their property deeds prohibiting subdivision. In turn, he said, the owner

would get some financial compensation, along with the insurance that his or her property would not be developed against their will after they had died.

Bungard said the amendments would apply to anyone who owned the property in the future.

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